

## **Town of Dudley**

Board of Selectmen  
Highway Commissioners  
Cemetery Commissioners

**January 9, 2017 @ 6:30pm.**  
**Dudley Municipal Complex**  
**71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571**  
**Veterans Memorial Hall – Room 321A**  
**Approved 1/23/2017**

**Some matters have been taken out of agenda order but were typed up in agenda order for ease of locating information when necessary.**

### **1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance**

Jonathan Ruda opened the meeting at 6:34pm. In attendance were Peter Fox, Paul Joseph and Steven Sullivan. John Marsi arrived at 6:45pm. Also in attendance were Greg Balukonis, Town Administrator and Michelle Jervis, Administrative Secretary.

### **2. Acceptance of Minutes:**

**Peter Fox motioned to approve the Minutes of 12/12/2016. Paul Joseph seconded. Unanimous 4-0.**

**Paul Joseph motioned to approve and support but not release the Executive Session Minutes of 12/12/2016 and 12/22/2016. Peter Fox seconded. Vote 3-0-1 with Steven Sullivan abstaining.**

### **3. Appointments/Resignations:**

**Promotion to Lieutenant – Chet Moroz** –Dudley Fire Department - Fire Chief Kochanowski stated that three applicants took the professional testing exam with Mr. Moroz scoring the highest. At the Executive Session meeting of 12/12/16 the Board motioned to approve the promotion of Lt. Moroz. To reiterate, **Paul Joseph motioned to support Lt Moroz’s promotion as Lieutenant for the Dudley Fire Department. Peter Fox seconded. Steven Sullivan stated that he did not take part in the Executive Session vote but wholeheartedly supports the promotion. Unanimous 4-0.** The Board congratulated Lt. Moroz and Chief Kochanowski at the pinning ceremony.

**Assistant Wiring Inspector – James Jones, Jr.** – Peter Fox motioned to appoint James Jones, Jr. as Assistant Wiring Inspector for the Town of Dudley with a term to expire 6/30/2017. Steven Sullivan seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

### **4. Public Comments/Citizens Comments:**

Mary Sansoucy of Ramshorn Road, came before the Board to discuss the Islamic Society of Greater Worcester with the Corbin Road property. Steven Sullivan recused himself at 6:46pm. Ms. Sansoucy stated that all the information that the abutters of the Corbin Road property have been receiving comes from the media. She would like to have the Board update everyone on the Settlement Agreement. They are all concerned about the project. Mr. Balukonis stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals will be signing the Agreement on Thursday evening in Executive Session. As soon as this transpires he will release the Agreement. Chairman Ruda tried to explain without giving out too much information. Deb LaPlaca of Ash Lane asked if the ZBA needs to sign the Agreement or just vote on it. Mr. Balukonis stated that they need to vote on it. Kathy Hurst of Camelot Circle asked why is the ZBA going into Executive Session and feels the residents should be heard. Richard Raymond of Corbin Road came before the Board. He is aware that the Board of Selectmen and the Zoning Board of Appeals have been under a lot of pressure and thanked them. Steven Sullivan returned to the Board at 7:12pm.

Scott Zajkowski of Catherine Street, came before the Board to discuss an issue he had with the dispatcher in Webster. Mr. Balukonis, who is the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the South Worcester County Communications Center (SWCCC) stated that he will discuss this with the director at his meeting coming up this week.

5. **“Around Town” – Focus on Local Businesses:**

**Performance Graphics – David and Roslin Yaede** – 265 West Main Street, Dudley, MA – Mr. Yaede came before the Board. He stated that he and his wife purchased the business recently. They will be engraving trophies, creating embroidery as well as ribbons. In the near future they will be changing the name to All Star Awards. The Board thanked him and look forward to doing business.

5. **Public Hearings:**

**Mass DOT – Tree Hearing for Dresser Hill Road Project** – The Public Hearing opened at 7:22pm. Steven Sullivan read the legal notice for the record. Dan Gion, Highway Superintendent, stated that the Dresser Hill Road project has been cut back but there are seven (6) significant trees that limit visibility of motorists entering from various side streets such as Hickory Drive and Koebke Road and they must be taken down per the State. He would like to take down one more tree that has been hit a few times. All of the trees are in a public way so they are not on private land. The Public Hearing closed at 7:29pm. **John Marsi motioned to approve Mass DOT’s request to remove 6 of the specified trees for public safety reasons and for the highway department to coordinate to take down the 7<sup>th</sup> tree. Steven Sullivan seconded. Unanimous 5-0.**

**Webster-Dudley Country Club, d/b/a Dudley Hill Golf Club** – Steven Sullivan recused himself at 7:29pm. The Public Hearing opened at 7:30pm. Josh Farmer, President of the Board of Directors at the golf course came before the Board. He stated that the prior license holder, Jay Powell of Uncle Jay’s Twisted Tee surrendered his license and they were unable to transfer it back to the golf club. They are now going for a new On Premise, All Alcohol License. The Public Hearing closed at 7:32pm. **John Marsi motioned to approve the Webster-Dudley County Club, Inc. d/b/a/ Dudley Hill Golf Club an On Premise, All Alcohol Liquor License located at 80 Airport Road, Dudley, MA . Peter Fox seconded. Vote 4-0-1 with Steven Sullivan abstaining.** Steven Sullivan returned to the Board at 7:33pm.

6. **Licensing and Permits:**

**Wicked Motor Sports – Amusement License for 2017 – Paul Joseph motioned to approve the Amusement License for Wicked Motor Sports, d/b/a Tri-State Speedway located at 35 Chase Ave., John Marsi seconded. Unanimous 5-0.**

7. **Public Business:**

a. **John Briare – Chair of the Economic Development Committee – RFP for Real Estate Agency Web Site Partnership with Town of Dudley** – Mr. Briare came before the Board. He stated that in February the EDC will begin its five (5) year Economic Development business plan for the town. He stated that updating the website has saved the town some money but has been informed that the .gov under the General Services Administration of the Federal Government has increased the price from \$125/year to \$400/year. Deb Thibaudeau, MIS Director, did get the renewal in before the increase. We also have a .townofdudley.com which costs \$14.00/year. After discussion **Paul Joseph motioned to acknowledge receipt of the RFP and take it to the next meeting and that the Board of Selectmen notify the Federal government and that we object their unwarranted increase/fee and go private at an affordable price and for the Town Administrator and Chair of EDC to sign and send a copy to our legislature. John Marsi seconded. Unanimous 5-0.** Regarding the Real Estate Agency web site, Mr. Briare would like to have the commercial properties for sale in Dudley on our website as part of Moving to Dudley section with resources available for people interested in moving to the area. These properties can be either commercial, industrial or residential with one realtor posting these sales. This can be accomplished by a RFP. All

agreed to table this issue for 1/23/17. **Paul Joseph motioned to acknowledge receipt of the RFP and table it for the next meeting. Peter Fox seconded. Unanimous 5-0.**

**b. Board of Health – Clarinda Wood Fund - John Marsi motioned to approve the request from the Board of Health to use the Clarinda Wood Fund in the amount of \$138.00 to pay Harrington Memorial Hospital for Health Services in November 2016. Steven Sullivan seconded. Unanimous 5-0.**

**c. SWCCC Current Assessment Report – Mr. Balukonis stated that it is a rather large report and that he and Greg Lynsky, Director of Communications for SWCCC, are reaching out to other communities stating that it will be advantageous to join SWCCC without increasing the staff configuration. Steven Sullivan motioned that the Board acknowledge receipt of the report with the understanding the Town Administrator will follow up. Paul Joseph seconded. Unanimous 5-0.**

**d. Highway Superintendent –**

**i. Permission to overspend snow account. Steven Sullivan motioned to grant the Highway Superintendent the annual request to overspend the snow account for this year. Peter Fox seconded. Unanimous 5-0.**

**ii. Awarding of Construction Materials and Services for 2017 – Dan Gion, Highway Superintendent submitted the bid results. Regarding Item 8 – the low bidder was a company that previously did work for the town but he was not happy with the job. He would like to go with the next bidder who does a much better job with a \$600 difference. Also Item 2A he will be calling the company. He is not familiar with them and the bid seemed very low. After discussion John Marsi motioned to approve the Construction Materials and Services for 2017 per the Highway Superintendent’s recommendations. Peter Fox seconded. Unanimous 5-0.**

**Charter Communications – Mr. Balunkonis stated that we received a letter dated 12/22/16 from Charter Communications notifying us of adjustments on customers billing for 2017. Basic TV service went from \$17.099 to \$14.99 which was due to the appeal we submitted. Paul Joseph urged the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator to fight for substantially reduce fees and costs from Charter for senior and low disability incomes.**

**Office of Dam Safety – Notice and Dam Safety Requests – Mr. Balukonis stated that the Office of Dam Safety is requesting the town for information pertaining to Spillway Adequancies on Merino Pond Dam and Lower Merino Pond Dam and we have 180 days to come up with a plan. The town owns 9 dams with various sizes and conditions. We must inspect these dams on a yearly basis.**

**Police Chief – Police Surplus Vehicles – Chief Wojnar stated that we have received the new cruiser and his new vehicle. He would like to declare a few vehicles surplus for sale. One is a 1999 Ford Explorer and the other is a Crow Victoria. All agreed to have the Town Administrator handle the sales of these vehicles. He also was granted permission to attend the annual IACP Conference in October as well as informing them that he will be installed as the new President of the Mass Police Chiefs Association.**

**8. Board of Selectmen Comments/Department Head Comments:**

**9. Town Administrator’s Report:**

Mr. Balukonis stated that there will be a Dangerous Dog Hearing on a complaint submitted on dogs living at 20 Ash Lane. This hearing will take place on January 23, 2017. Also he is scheduling the budget kick-off for the same date and will be inviting the FAA to be included in the budget discussion.

**10. Adjournment/Executive Session:**

**Paul Joseph motioned to adjourn from public session at 8:20pm and to convene into Executive Session under M.G.L Chapter 30A §21 (6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real**

**estate. If the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the neogitating position of the public body. Also Chapter 30A §21(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel. Peter Fox seconded.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Jonathan Ruda, Aye**

**Peter Fox, Aye**

**John Marsi, Aye**

**Peter Fox, Aye**

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Jervis, Administrative Secretary